

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 27, with the following amended paragraph:

-- In one preferred form of the invention two bridging units are provided, each being of the type described above with the stowage housings of each unit being disposed on respective opposite sides of the bridging zone, the arrangement being such that when the spanning assembly of each unit are in the deployed position they operatively connect to one another.--